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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN GEORGIA

2018

JANUARY-JULY

(PRELIMINARY RESULTS)

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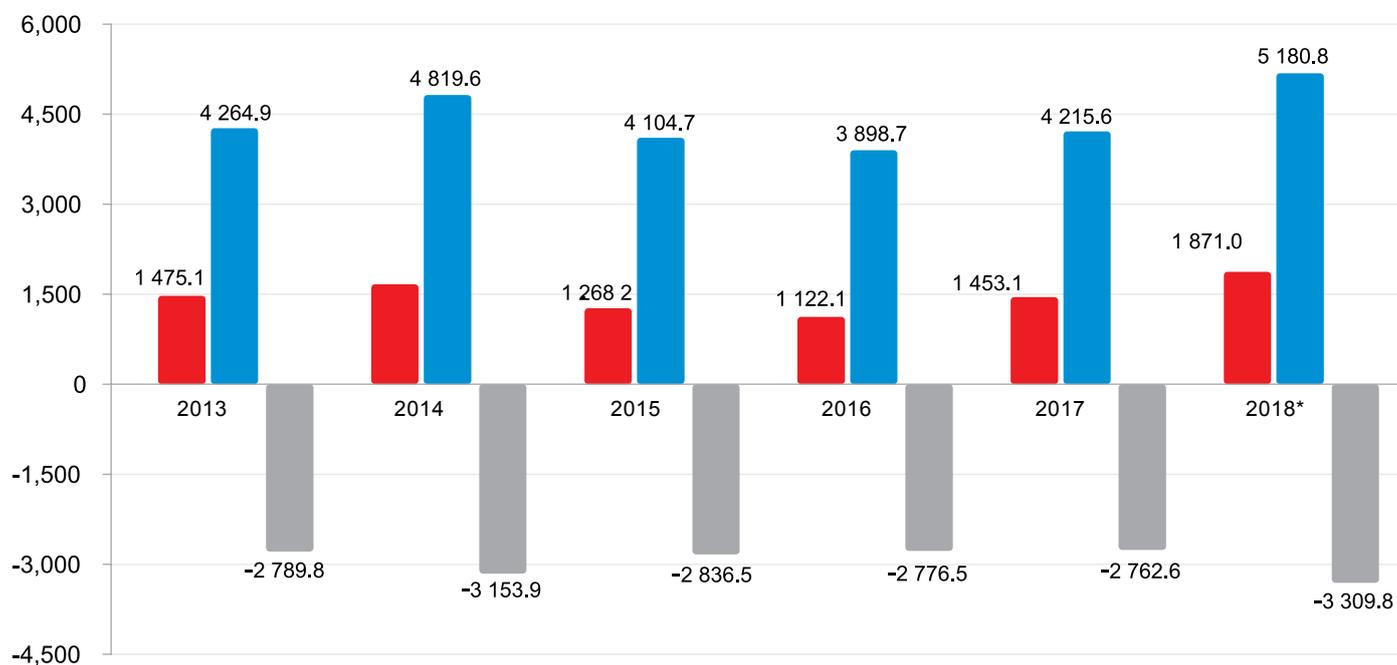
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EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-JULY 2018 (PRELIMINARY)

In January-July 2018 external merchandise trade (excluding non-declared trade) of Georgia amounted to USD 7 051.8 million, 24.4 percent higher year-on-year. The exports equaled USD 1 871.0 million (28.8 percent higher), while the imports stood at USD 5 180.8 million (22.9 percent higher). The negative trade balance was USD 3 309.8 million in January-July 2018 and its share in external trade turnover constituted 46.9 percent. Export excluding re-export amounted to USD 1 332.3 million, 16.1 percent higher year-on-year.

The charts below reflect basic trends of the external merchandise trade of Georgia:

GENERAL DATA ON EXTERNAL TRADE OF GEORGIA IN JANUARY-JULY 2013-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



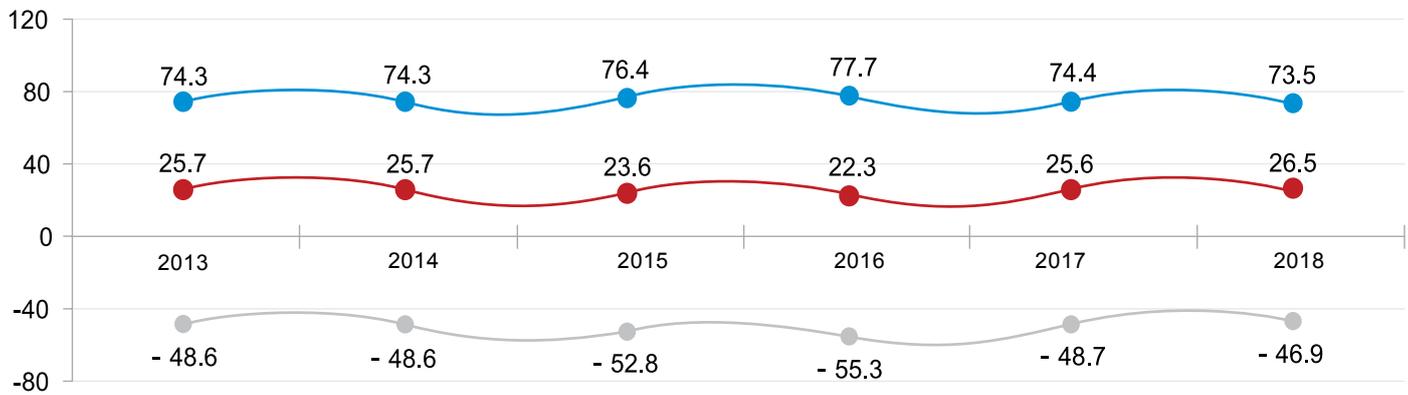
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SHARE OF EXTERNAL TRADE INDICATORS IN TURNOVER JANUARY-JULY 2013-2018 (%)



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The table below shows monthly data for 2016-2018 exports and imports in absolute indicators and their changes (in percentage) compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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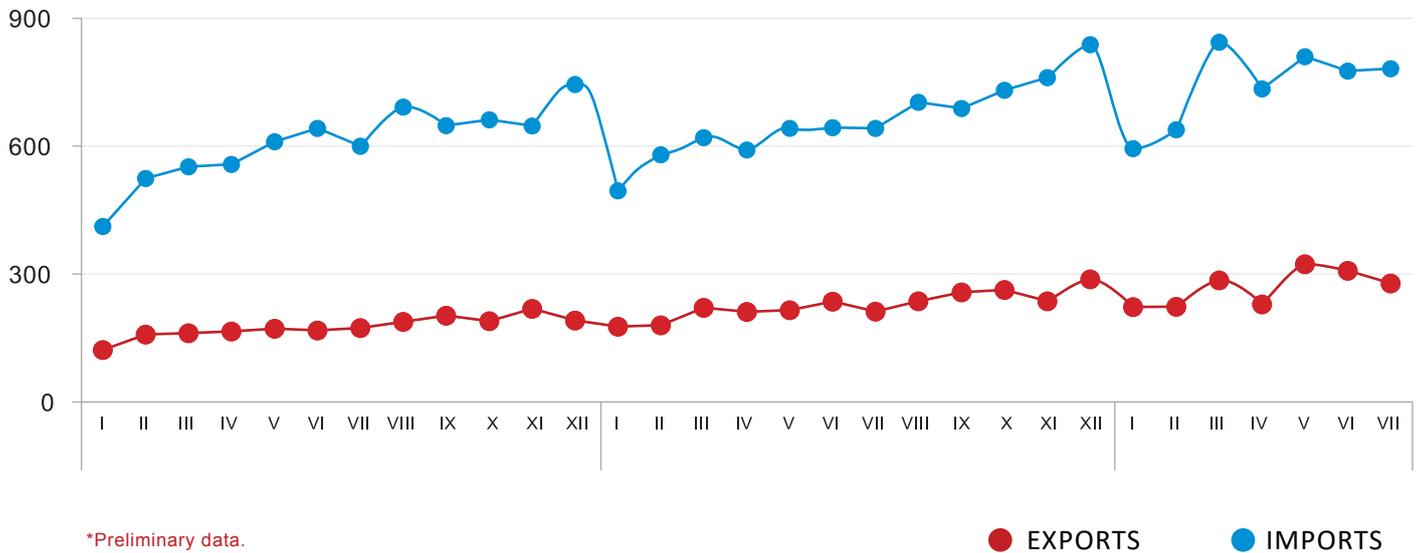
EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GEORGIA

		EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
		THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	CHANGES m-o-m (%)
2016	January	122 188.8	-21.2	411 902.8	-23.6
	February	158 391.8	-5.3	524 278.0	-9.6
	March	161 991.0	-9.5	552 375.9	-18.5
	April	165 647.1	-11.2	557 215.7	0.9
	May	172 313.7	-11.5	610 332.9	7.7
	June	168 021.6	-15.4	642 419.7	5.7
	July	173 579.4	-7.2	600 157.3	3.1
	August	187 944.1	-1.3	691 649.7	10.8
	September	202 393.8	8.6	648 847.6	0.6
	October	190 107.3	1.2	662 093.8	7.5
	November	219 027.5	16.9	648 018.4	12.5
	December	191 319.2	3.6	744 734.2	1.4
2017	January	176 874.3	44.8	495 550.6	20.3
	February	179 869.4	13.6	580 353.6	10.7
	March	221 168.1	36.5	620 185.7	12.3
	April	211 591.1	27.7	591 561.6	6.2
	May	215 311.5	25.0	642 041.3	5.2
	June	235 618.3	40.2	643 952.1	0.2
	July	212 640.9	22.5	641 979.3	7.0
	August	236 310.0	25.7	703 663.0	1.7
	September	257 603.2	27.3	688 417.4	6.1
	October	263 336.1	38.5	731 352.8	10.5
	November	236 878.4	8.2	761 310.9	17.5
	December	288 326.8	50.7	838 822.4	12.6
2018*	January	222 730.2	25.9	594 605.1	20.0
	February	223 674.1	24.4	638 839.0	10.1
	March	285 793.7	29.2	844 472.5	36.2
	April	229 156.8	8.3	734 517.4	24.2
	May	323 345.4	50.2	810 115.4	26.2
	June	307 825.6	30.6	776 370.0	20.6
	July	278 470.7	31.0	781 845.6	21.8

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DYNAMICS BY MONTHS, 2016-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



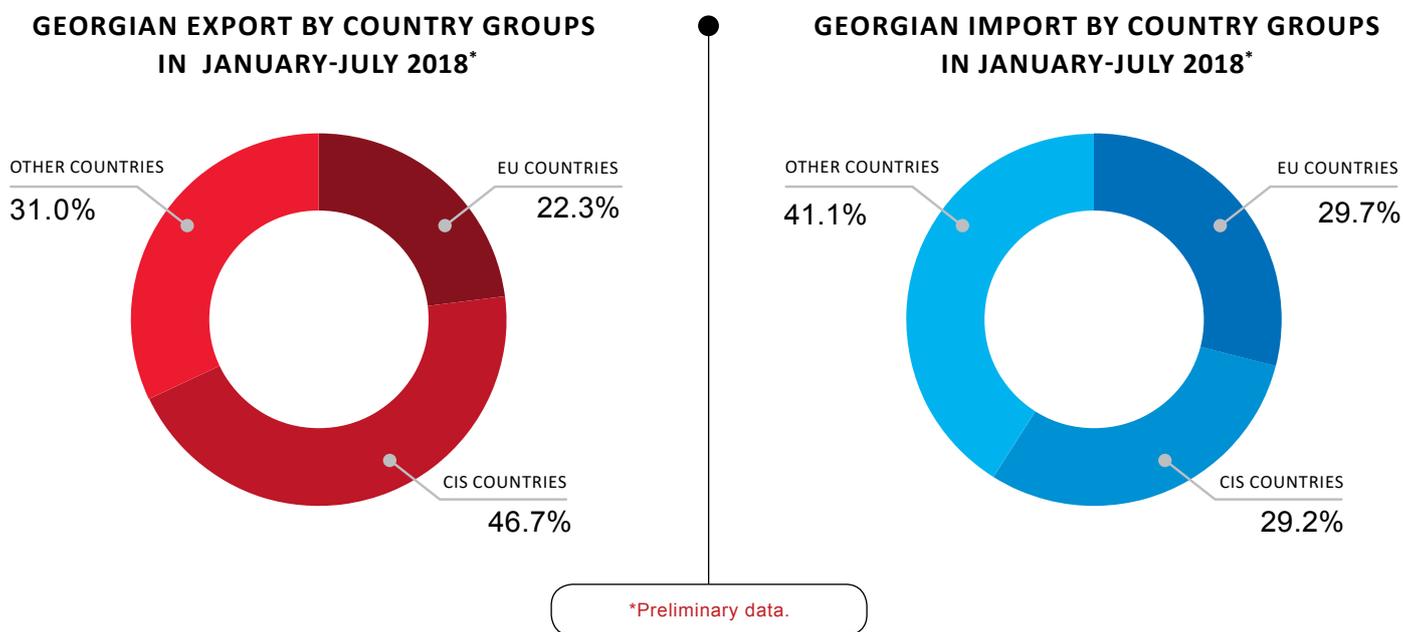
In January-July 2018 export from Georgia to the EU countries amounted to USD 417.7 million (20.2 percent higher compared to the January-July 2017) and constituted 22.3 percent in total exports, while imports amounted to USD 1 536.1 million (27.2 percent higher) with 29.7 percent in total imports. The external trade turnover of Georgia with the EU countries amounted to USD 1 953.8 million, grew by 25.6 percent compared to the corresponding indicator of the previous year. 33.8 percent of the trade deficit came to the EU countries (31.1 percent in January-July 2017).

In January-July 2018 export to the CIS countries stood at USD 872.9 million (52.1 percent higher compared to the January-July 2017) and reached 46.7 percent of total exports, while imports equaled USD 1513.7 million (24.7 percent higher) with 29.2 percent in total import. The external trade turnover with the CIS countries totaled USD 2 386.6 million (higher by 33.5 percent). CIS countries accounted for 19.4 percent of the overall trade deficit in the corresponding period.

The diagrams below show the share of the exports and imports of Georgia by country groups.

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In January-July 2018 share of the top ten trading partners by exports in the total exports of Georgia amounted to 71.5 percent. The top partners were Azerbaijan (USD 251.8 million), Russia (USD 240.8 million) and Turkey (USD 172.6 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018

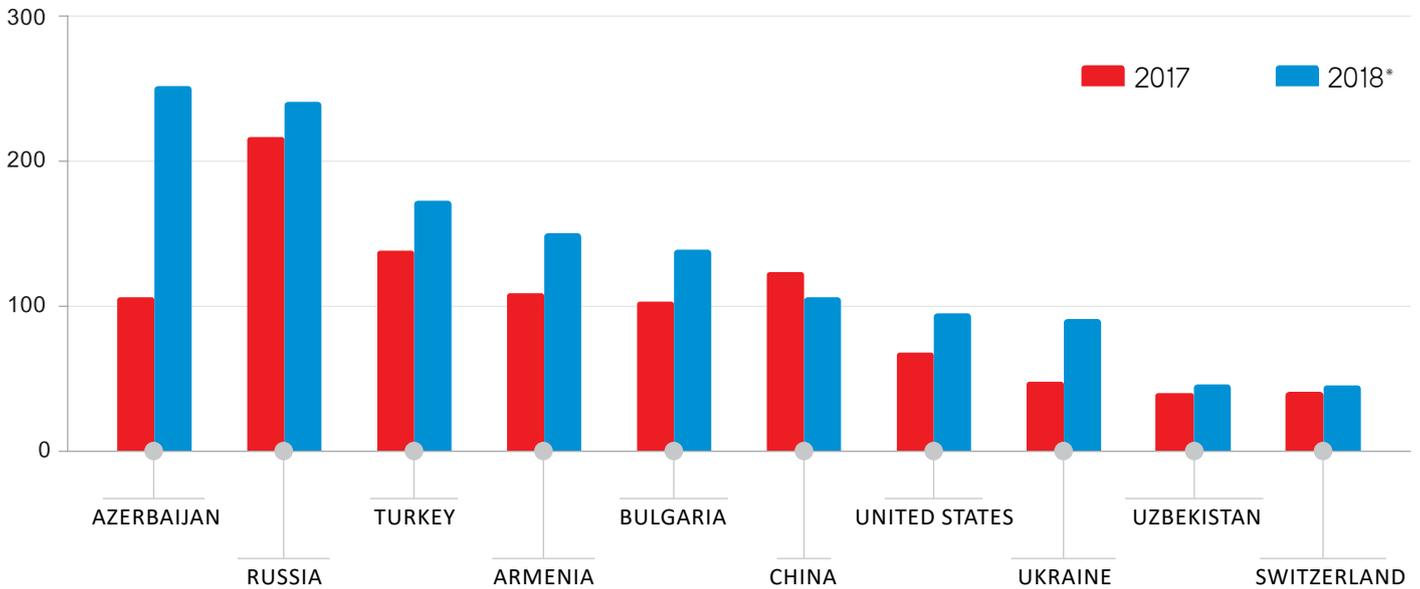
	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
TOTAL EXPORTS	1 453 073.6	100.0	1 870 996.5	100.0	28.8
Of which:					
Azerbaijan	106 071.0	7.3	251 815.5	13.5	137.4
Russia	216 679.8	14.9	240 836.7	12.9	11.1
Turkey	138 311.7	9.5	172 609.8	9.2	24.8
Armenia	108 896.8	7.5	150 191.9	8.0	37.9
Bulgaria	103 084.4	7.1	138 879.1	7.4	34.7
China	123 464.2	8.5	106 160.9	5.7	-14.0
United States	68 033.2	4.7	95 008.9	5.1	39.7
Ukraine	48 007.5	3.3	91 250.4	4.9	90.1
Uzbekistan	40 073.8	2.8	46 048.6	2.5	14.9
Switzerland	41 005.6	2.8	45 461.3	2.4	10.9
Other countries	459 445.5	31.6	532 733.4	28.5	16.0

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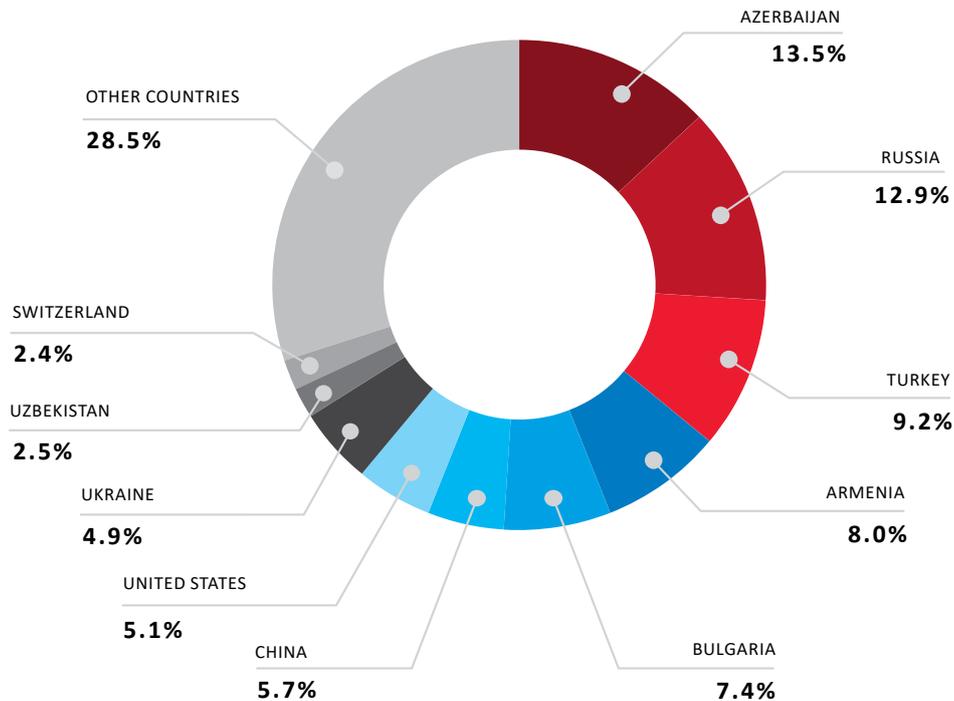
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018*



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In January-July 2018 share of the top ten trading partners by imports in the total imports of Georgia amounted to 65.8 percent. The top partners were Turkey (USD 828.2 million), Russia (USD 520.0 million) and China (USD 505.5 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018

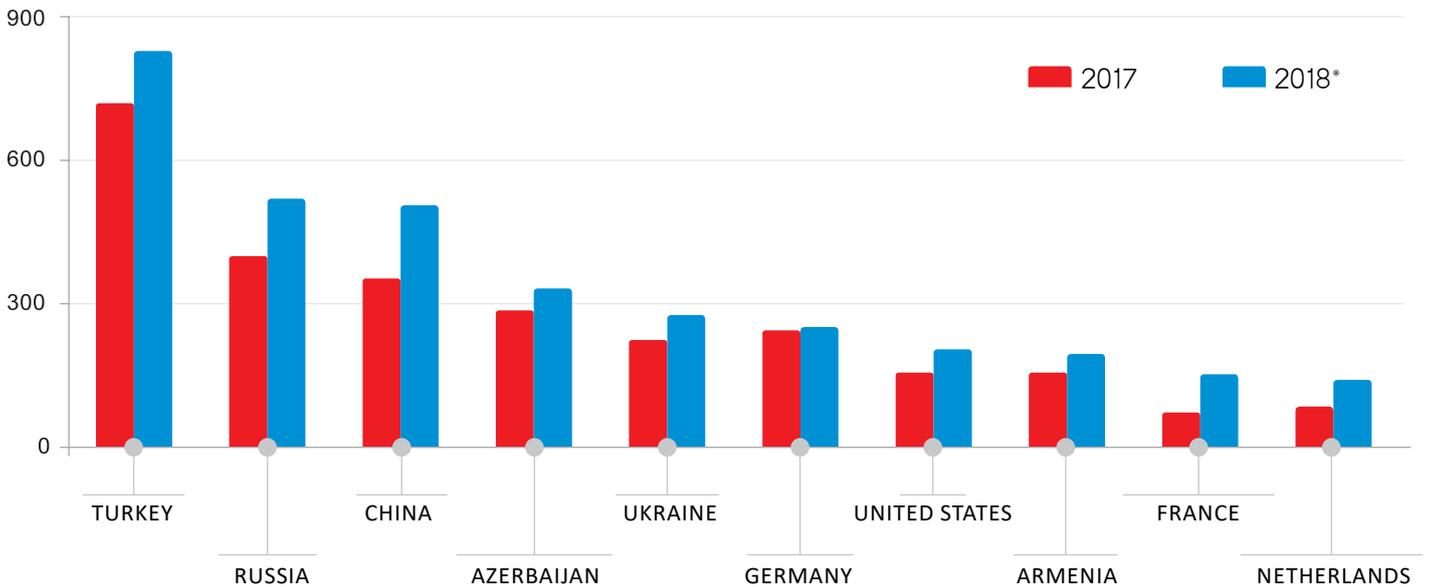
	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
Total Imports	4 215 624.1	100.0	5 180 765.1	100.0	22.9
Of which:					
Turkey	719 297.2	17.1	828 158.4	16.0	15.1
Russia	399 587.7	9.5	520 038.9	10.0	30.1
China	353 008.0	8.4	505 543.9	9.8	43.2
Azerbaijan	286 076.5	6.8	332 244.0	6.4	16.1
Ukraine	224 531.8	5.3	276 329.2	5.3	23.1
Germany	244 376.2	5.8	251 341.3	4.9	2.9
United States	156 484.0	3.7	205 031.3	4.0	31.0
Armenia	156 589.0	3.7	194 984.4	3.8	24.5
France	72 746.7	1.7	152 536.1	2.9	109.7
Netherlands	85 403.5	2.0	141 014.6	2.7	65.1
Other countries	1 517 523.6	36.0	1 773 542.8	34.2	16.9

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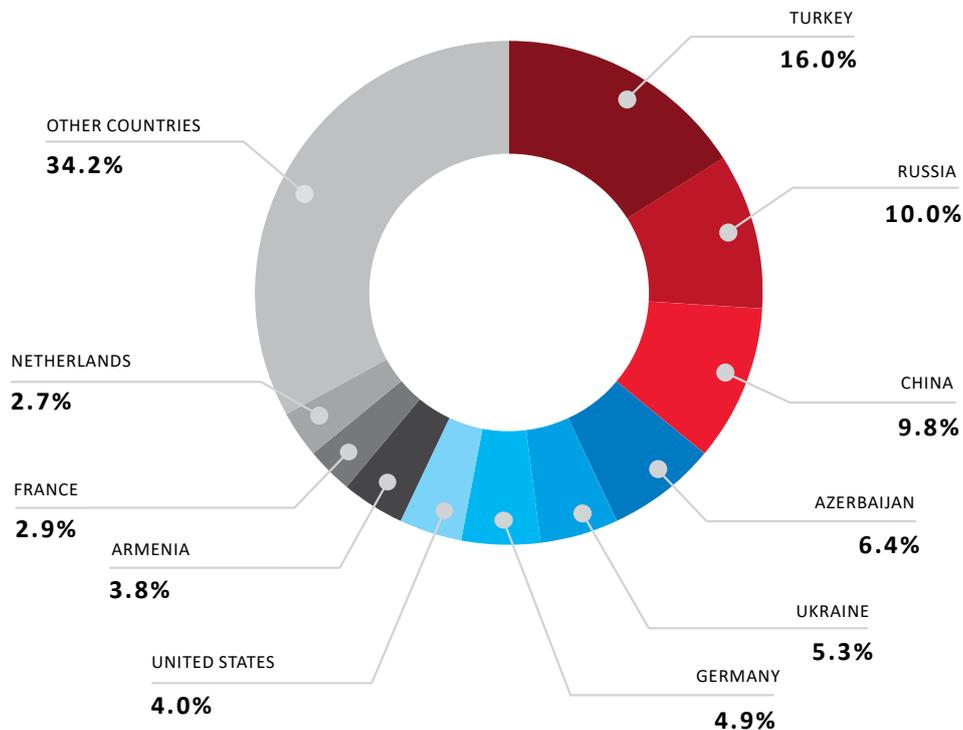
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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2017-2018 (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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SHARE OF THE TOP TRADING PARTNERS IN TOTAL IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018*



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In January-July 2018 share of the top ten trading partners in the total external trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 66.4 percent. The top trading partners were Turkey (USD 1 000.8 million), Russia (USD 760.9 million) and China (USD 611.7 million).

TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-JULY 2018*

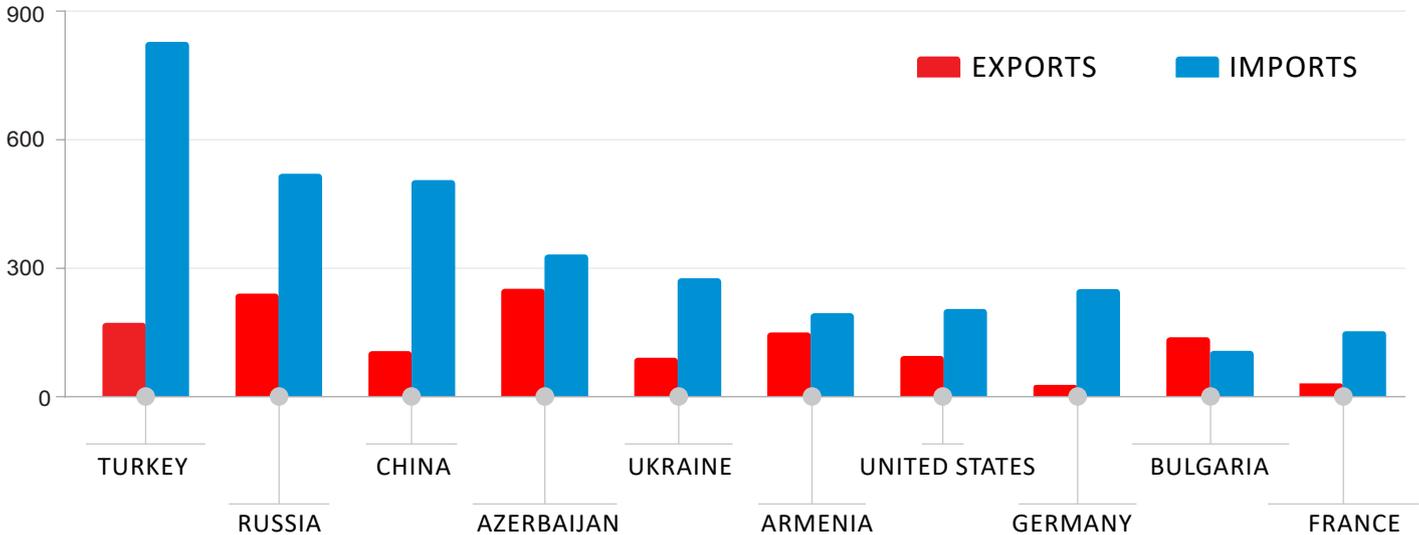
	EXPORTS		IMPORTS		TURNOVER	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)
Total	1 870 996.5	100.0	5 180 765.1	100.0	7 051 761.6	100.0
Of which:						
Turkey	172 609.8	9.2	828 158.4	16.0	1 000 768.2	14.2
Russia	240 836.7	12.9	520 038.9	10.0	760 875.6	10.8
China	106 160.9	5.7	505 543.9	9.8	611 704.8	8.7
Azerbaijan	251 815.5	13.5	332 244.0	6.4	584 059.5	8.3
Ukraine	91 250.4	4.9	276 329.2	5.3	367 579.6	5.2
Armenia	150 191.9	8.0	194 984.4	3.8	345 176.3	4.9
United States	95 008.9	5.1	205 031.3	4.0	300 040.2	4.3
Germany	28 011.9	1.5	251 341.3	4.9	279 353.2	4.0
Bulgaria	138 879.1	7.4	107 077.3	2.1	245 956.4	3.5
France	31 216.9	1.7	152 536.1	2.9	183 753.0	2.6
Other countries	565 014.6	30.2	1 807 480.2	34.9	2 372 494.7	33.6

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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER IN JANUARY-JULY 2018* (MILLION US DOLLARS)



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In January-July 2018 Copper ores and concentrates reclaimed the first place in the list of top export items, equaling USD 278.1 million, or 19.1 percent of total exports. Exports Ferro-alloys of totaled USD 205.9 million and its share in the total exports amounted to 14.2 percent. Motor cars occupied the third place. Exports of this commodity group stood at USD 203.1 million and 14.0 percent of the total exports.

MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS

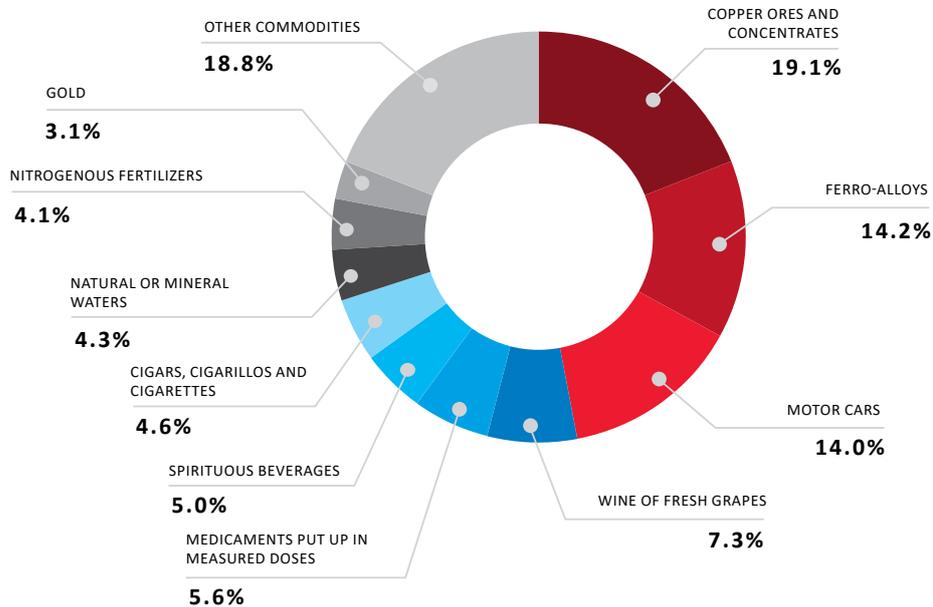
	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
Total Exports	1 453 073.6	100.0	1 870 996.5	100.0	28.8
Of which:					
Copper ores and concentrates	245 736.7	16.9	278 068.7	19.1	13.2
Ferro-alloys	181 970.1	12.5	205 867.6	14.2	13.1
Motor cars	102 378.3	7.0	203 114.6	14.0	98.4
Wine of fresh grapes	83 988.9	5.8	105 562.6	7.3	25.7
Medicaments put up in measured doses	78 616.2	5.4	80 764.2	5.6	2.7
Spirituos beverages	58 845.5	4.0	72 754.0	5.0	23.6
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	8 198.0	0.6	66 217.1	4.6	707.7
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	54 048.0	3.7	62 650.2	4.3	15.9
Nitrogenous fertilizers	41 447.0	2.9	58 953.7	4.1	42.2
Gold unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	41 348.4	2.8	45 489.8	3.1	10.0
Other commodities	556 496.4	38.3	691 554.2	18.8	24.3

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SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY EXPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018*



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The top import commodities in January-July 2018 were Petroleum and petroleum oils imports of which amounted to USD 489.3 million and 9.4 percent of the total imports. Motor cars followed in the list with USD 335.3 million, or 6.5 percent of imports. Copper ores and concentrates came third with USD 218.0 million (4.2 percent of imports).

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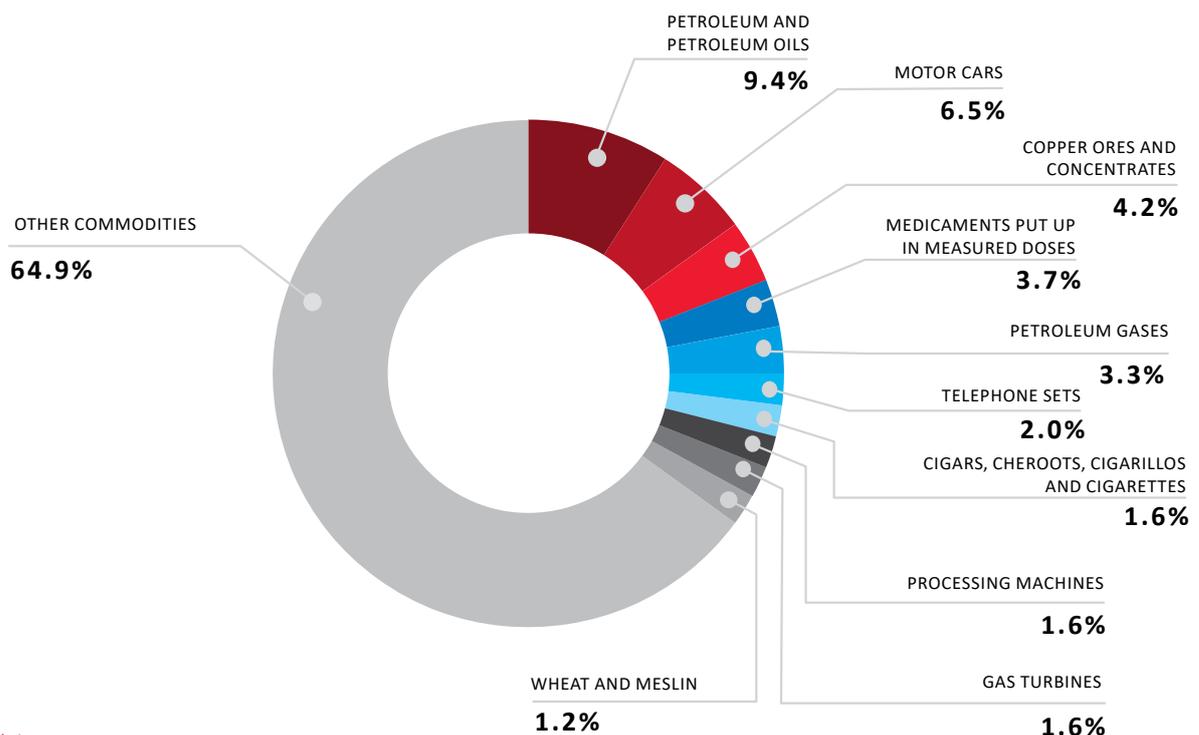
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MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS

	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*		CHANGE (%)
	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	THSD. US DOLLARS	SHARE IN TOTAL (%)	
Total Imports	4 215 624.1	100.0	5 180 765.1	100.0	22.9
Of which:					
Petroleum and petroleum oils	355 177.8	8.4	489 277.0	9.4	37.8
Motor cars	269 295.8	6.4	335 263.0	6.5	24.5
Copper ores and concentrates	186 961.5	4.4	217 969.9	4.2	16.6
Medicaments put up in measured doses	194 919.2	4.6	191 122.9	3.7	-1.9
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons	170 222.4	4.0	170 269.9	3.3	0.0
Telephone sets	108 553.4	2.6	104 456.0	2.0	-3.8
Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes	40 104.0	1.0	84 245.3	1.6	110.1
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	47 763.7	1.1	81 695.8	1.6	71.0
Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines	8 661.3	0.2	80 680.2	1.6	831.5
Wheat and meslin	53 542.4	1.3	62 406.1	1.2	16.6
Other commodities	2 780 422.5	66.0	3 363 379.1	64.9	21.0

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SHARE OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS BY IMPORTS IN JANUARY-JULY 2018*



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TOP TRADING PARTNERS BY TURNOVER

TURKEY

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO TURKEY

	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
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Total Exports	138 311.7		172 609.8	
Of which:				
T-shirts knitted	30 481.3	1 042.9	26 029.4	1 017.1
Ferro-alloys	14 359.7	13 186.8	19 675.9	16 075.2
Copper ores and concentrates	-	-	18 485.9	13 564.2
Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel	16 112.8	42 636.1	17 140.2	35 235.9
Electrical energy	11 320.0	...	13 782.7	...
Other commodities	66 038.0		77 495.7	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM TURKEY

	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
Total Imports	719 297.2		828 158.4	
Of which:				
Medicaments put up in measured doses	32 300.5	397.0	34 267.8	453.0
Other tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of iron or steel	22 214.3	33 740.5	32 641.3	40 324.9
Motor cars (unit)	9 319.6	532	19 453.5	897
Other made up articles, including dress patterns	19 691.3	809.8	18 412.4	1 006.2
Structures and parts of structures of iron or steel	23 437.2	11 774.4	18 131.5	9 949.0
Other commodities	612 334.3		705 251.8	

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RUSSIA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO RUSSIA

	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
Total Exports	216 679.8		240 836.7	
Of which:				
Ferro-alloys	79 422.8	68 105.9	78 144.7	64 729.4
Wine of fresh grapes	48 449.9	17 839.6	63 241.4	21 649.6
Waters, natural or artificial mineral and aerated waters, not containing added sugar	25 980.5	38 504.2	28 252.4	41 487.8
Spirituos beverages	11 362.4	3 377.8	10 749.0	2 688.0
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machinery, for liquids or gases	14.3	0.3	7 193.1	7.3
Other commodities	51 450.0		53 256.1	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM RUSSIA

	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
 >> 				
Total imports	399 587.7		520 038.9	
Of which:				
Petroleum and petroleum oils	50 693.8	94 384.2	105 777.0	163 749.9
Wheat and meslin	53 538.0	276 787.0	57 074.2	292 832.4
Coke and semi-coke of coal, retort carbon	6 250.9	23 159.3	21 259.6	77 236.6
Sunflower-seed oil	17 045.0	19 089.1	19 293.2	21 232.6
Coal; briquettes and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal	9 324.1	90 354.9	16 697.5	163 837.4
Other commodities	262 735.9		299 937.3	

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CHINA

EXPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS TO CHINA



	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
Total Exports	123 464.2		106 160.9	
Of which:				
Copper ores and concentrates	103 221.1	84 719.7	84 608.2	58 116.9
Wine of fresh grapes	11 537.9	3 138.1	9 840.0	2 458.8
Instruments and appliances used in medicine	118.1	0.4	6 159.2	41.7
Copper waste and scrap	1 649.6	449.4	1 471.5	306.4
Motor cars	4 398.5	92	1 275.3	23
Other commodities	2 539.1		2 806.7	

*Preliminary data.

IMPORTS OF MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS FROM CHINA



	JANUARY-JULY 2017		JANUARY-JULY 2018*	
	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS	THSD. US DOLLARS	TONS
Total Imports	353 008.0		505 543.9	
Of which:				
Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines	-	-	36 473.3	467.1
Automatic data processing machines and units thereof	15 073.6	179.4	35 934.0	306.8
Flat-rolled products of non-alloy steel, of a width of more than 600mm, clad or coated	18 285.5	26 400.9	19 698.8	23 897.7
New pneumatic tyres, of rubber	9 485.5	3 945.3	14 838.4	6 019.1
Air conditioning machines	12 225.6	2 293.5	14 166.8	2 470.9
Other commodities	297 937.7		384 432.6	

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EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	EXTERNAL TRADE BALANCE MIL. US DOLLARS
NEGATIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-July 2017	92	2 886.0
January-July 2018*	96	3 461.3
POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE		
January-July 2017	40	123.5
January-July 2018*	40	151.5
TOTAL		
January-July 2017	132	2 762.6
January-July 2018*	136	3 309.8

*Preliminary data.

- Sources:**
-  LEPL Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance of Georgia;
 -  LEPL Service Agency of Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia;
 -  Georgian State Electric System, JSC;
 -  Electricity System Commercial Operator, JSC;
 -  Georgian Gas Transportation Company, LTD.

Explanation of symbols:

- Not applicable;
- * Data are preliminary and subject to revisions;
- ... Data are confidential

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Notice:

1. The discrepancy between the totals and the sum in some cases can be explained by using rounded data;
2. Data for 2011-2014 are updated by the data of Special Customs Declarations;
3. Information does not cover the data of Simplified Customs Declarations (Form №4);
4. Information does not cover non-organized trade, also occupied territories of Abkhazian Autonomous Republic and Tskhinvali region;
5. According to the international methodology, there are some difference in coverage of trade flows between external merchandise trade statistics and customs statistics. Diplomatic, temporary, transit and analogous goods are excluded from the database of external merchandise trade statistics.

The preliminary data will be revised according to the Geostat's revision policy (based on the regular revision principle) as a result of adjusting data by respondents/administrative sources.

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